

They were then kind and friendly in their relations with me and my family. I submitted to conduct from Mr. and Mrs. Storer to which I would have submitted from no other ambassador and his wife, and I did not resent their actions until it became evident that they were likely to damage American interests.

#### At McKinley's Request.

"About the time of my accession to the vice-presidency, I wrote to President McKinley requesting him to Mr. and Mrs. Storer that the President desired me to say that Mr. Storer was ultimately to be made an ambassador.

"Mr. and Mrs. Storer were greatly interested in securing the promotion of Archbishop Ireland to be a cardinal. I had and have, a sincere respect and admiration for Archbishop Ireland—a respect and admiration which I have often publicly expressed. The letters from me to Mr. and Mrs. Storer quoted in Mr. Storer's pamphlet were with permission my views both upon Archbishop Ireland and upon the possibility or probability of my taking in his behalf the steps which the Storers asked, and I can add nothing to what those letters themselves show. When they were written on the subject I was Governor of New York."

"Now being President myself, and not having thought out with clearness the exact situation, I asked President McKinley whether he could properly do anything to help Archbishop Ireland. He responded that it was not a matter with which we could with propriety interfere, although he expressed himself as having the same high opinion of the archbishop that I had. I had further conversation with the President on the subject, either just before or just after my election as Vice-President, in which he stated what he felt was the proper position: a position with which I absolutely agreed. Mr. Storer asserts that he and Mrs. Storer and various other people, after conversations with me, put down memoranda as to what they remembered. I had said,

"Such action was taken, it was, of course, simply dishonorable. As a matter of fact, the statements they allude to have made were not made, save in so far as what they allege me to have said agrees with what, before and after, I wrote to them."

**On in Making Attacks.**

The President says both the Storers continually made attacks upon all sorts of people, especially dignitaries of their own church. "At one time Mrs. Storer wrote me with great bitterness against the Protestant missionaries who were being sent to the Philippines at the same time requesting me to champion Archbishop Ireland, because he had been loyal to the United States during the war with Spain, whom she asserted was not true to any Catholic mission ship whom she named.

The President replied, smirking: "As you know, I always treat Catholic and Protestant exactly alike, as I do Jew or Gentile, or the man of native American, German, Irish or other parentage."

"On September 22, 1906," he says, "eight days after President McKinley died, Mrs. Storer wrote me, urging that I should appoint Mr. Storer to the Cabinet. The President said: "Please give him either the War or State."

"She wrote me on October 14th, suggesting the embassies at London and Paris as fit places for her husband, and stating that Mr. Chester and General Porter were not proper persons to be ambassadors.

"In view of the intense indignation of Mr. and Mrs. Storer at his being removed from office now, there is a certain element of the comic in their attempt to get me to remove either you or Mr. Chester or Mr. Porter for the purpose of giving Mr. Storer either a Cabinet position or the embassy in England or France.

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"Mr. Storer also asserts that President McKinley took a similar and equally clumsy a step when he named him to seek the appointment of Archbishop Ireland as cardinal, as a personal favor to him, the President, and as an honor to the country."

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"On January 16, 1906, Storer wrote the Pope, saying he did not 'writing any letter' in the term he did 'writing any letter.' In the term he did 'writing any letter,' enclosed a note of personal apology to Secretary Hay, declared 'all this is no excuse' and added:

"But for your sake I should wish that my leaving the service might be made to appear a voluntary one in the spring, or early summer."

**President Generous.**

"There could be no fuller confession of wrongdoing than an absolute throwing himself upon the mercy of the holding company. It was this letter which I answered, saying I would treat the incident as closed, and would not accept his resignation, and that I would call John Hay, ret'd as I did. With peculiar courtesy, he now speaks to turn this act of cordial, and I think I may add generous, friendship on my part, and attack upon me by the Vatican and his absence, as well as through to points reached by him.

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